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ABSTRACT

This reading attitude scale was designed to negate the tendency for students to indicate overly positive attitudes, a tendency which the authors feel is reflected in responses to other attitude scales. There are two forms of the scale: one for grades 1-3 and one for grades 4-6. The primary scale is read to the children and has a three choice format on a hand-scored answer sheet. The intermediate scale is read by the children themselves and has a five choice format on a machine-scorable answer sheet. The first six items ask for descriptive information. The remaining items are worded either positively or negatively, where positive attitudes are indicated by agreement with positively worded items and disagreement with negatively worded items. Scoring instructions are given. Reliability estimates for both forms are given as .85 to .90. (MKM)

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ATTITUDES TOWARD READING SCALE

PENNSYLVANIA RIGHT TO READ

This scale was developed to overcome deficiencies in other attitude scales, especially the tendency for students to indicate overly positive attitudes. Both forms of the scale are quite reliable with a conservative estimate of reliability at .85 to .90.

There are two forms of the scale: for grades 1-3 and for grades 4-6. The primary scale is read to the child and has a three choice format on a hand-scored answer sheet. The intermediate scale is read by the child himself and has a five choice format on a machine-scoreable answer sheet.

The first six items ask for descriptive information. The remaining items are worded either positively or negatively, where positive attitudes are indicated by agreement with positively worded items and disagreement with negatively worded items. Each item may be scored as follows:

Grades 1-3	not really	a little	a lot
positively worded	1	2	3
negatively worded	3	2	1

Grades 4-6	(disagree) A	B	C	D	E (agree)
positively worded	1	2	3	4	5
negatively worded	5	4	3	2	1

The negatively worded items are:

Grades 1-3
12, 14, 16, 19, 20, 22, 23, 25, 27, 29

Grades 4-6
10, 12, 13, 14, 16, 18, 19, 22, 27, 28, 30

All others are positively worded. Do not score the sample items.

Attitudes Toward Reading

Pennsylvania Right to Read Program

Please make sure that everyone has an answer sheet and a pencil. Tell the children that this is a survey to find out how they feel about books and reading. There are no right or wrong answers, they are to answer the way they feel. They should use their pencil to circle the answer they choose.

Please read each sentence twice and leave time for them to answer.
The first seven items are questions. Read the first question which is an example. Instruct them to circle "never" if they never jump rope, "sometimes" if they jump rope once in awhile, and "a lot" if they do it quite often.

1. How often do you jump rope?

   never sometimes a lot

2. How much do you read at home?

   none a little a lot

3. How often do you go to the library?

   never sometimes a lot

4. How many library books do you get from the library each week?

   none a few many

5. How many books of your own do you have at home?

   none a few many

6. How much do your parents read?

   none a little a lot

7. When you were younger, how often did your parents read to you?

   never sometimes a lot

For the remaining items, the students will have to listen to the sentence and decide if they don't really feel that way, feel that way a little, or feel that way a lot. (The choices are "not really", "a little", and "a lot.") Read number 8. Instruct them to circle "a lot" if they like ice cream a lot, "a little" if they like ice cream a little, and "not really" if they don't like ice cream. Read number 9. If they really do like cookies, they should circle "not really." If the children have no questions, please proceed.

8. I like ice cream.

   not really a little a lot

9. I hate cookies.

   not really a little a lot

10. I love reading.
11. I feel good after I've read a book.
12. I get tired of reading.
13. I would be happy to get a book for my birthday.
14. Reading school books is a waste of time.
15. Reading stories can be a lot of fun.
16. Playing is more fun than reading.
17. It is fun to read books.
18. I like to find books to read.
19. I hate to read.
20. I would rather play than read.
21. I can learn things from reading books.
22. I think reading books is silly.
23. I want to be absent from reading class.
24. I want more time in school to read.
25. I get tired of reading stories.
26. It is good to know how to read.
27. I hate reading books in school.
28. I would rather read than work on other things.
29. Reading is the worst part of my day.

DISTRICT_____

GRADE_____

STUDENT NO._____

1.	NEVER	SOMETIMES	A LOT
2.	NONE	A LITTLE	A LOT
3.	NEVER	SOMETIMES	A LOT
4.	NONE	A FEW	MANY
5.	NONE	A FEW	MANY
6.	NONE	A LITTLE	A LOT
7.	NEVER	SOMETIMES	A LOT
8.	NOT REALLY	A LITTLE	A LOT
9.	NOT REALLY	A LITTLE	A LOT
10.	NOT REALLY	A LITTLE	A LOT
11.	NOT REALLY	A LITTLE	A LOT
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29. NOT REALLY A LITTLE A LOT

Attitudes Toward Reading

Pennsylvania Right to Read Program

This is a survey to find out how you feel about books and reading. There are no right or wrong answers, just answer the way you feel. Please use a pencil to mark your answers on the answer sheet. Here is an example:

How often do you play baseball?

never	sometimes	often	very often
A	B	C	D

If you think that "often" is the best choice for you, then you would fill in the slot marked "C" on the answer sheet with your pencil like this:

If you never play baseball, then you would mark "A" on your answer sheet. Do not mark the slot under the letter "E" for questions 1 through 6.

1. How often do you read at home?

never	sometimes	often	very often
A	B	C	D

2. How often do you go to the library?

never	sometimes	often	very often
A	B	C	D

3. How many library books do you read each week?

none	1	2	3 or more
A	B	C	D

4. How many books of your own do you have at home?

none	a few	many	very many
A	B	C	D

5. How often do your parents read?

never	sometimes	often	very often
A	B	C	D

6. When you were younger, how often did your parents read to you?

never	sometimes	often	very often
A	B	C	D

When you read each sentence on this page, decide if you agree or disagree with it. For all the sentences, choose between the following:

strongly disagree	disagree	not sure	agree	strongly agree
A	B	C	D	E

For example, read number 7 below. If you really like ice cream, then mark "E" for strongly agree on the answer sheet. If you sort of like ice cream, mark "D" for agree. If you don't like ice cream mark "B" for disagree. If you are not sure, mark "C".

Read number 8. If you really do like cookies, then mark "A" or "B" to disagree with the sentence.

7. I like ice cream.
8. I hate cookies.
9. There should be more time in the day for reading.
10. I hate reading.
11. Reading stories can be very exciting.
12. Reading is something I can do without.
13. Playing is more fun than reading.
14. Most books are very boring.
15. Reading is the best part of my day.
16. I do not like to spend my time reading.
17. I love to read.
18. I think we spend too much time on reading in school.
19. Reading is the worst part of my day.
20. I like to find library books to read.
21. Reading is a good way to spend my free time.
22. Stories are usually not good enough to finish.
23. I can learn many things from reading books.
24. Reading a book is rewarding to me.
25. There are many interesting things to read.
26. It is fun to read books.
27. Reading school books is a waste of time.
28. I would rather not read at all.
29. I would rather read than work on other things.
30. I don't like to get books for my birthday.